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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, YO

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV INVESTIGATOR OF SEPT. 76 MID-AIR  
COLLISION

REF: (A) STATE 132488; (B) BELGRADE 3779

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMB OBSERVATIONS CONTAINED  
IN REFTEL B. AFTER DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT  
LEGAL ADVISORS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EXECUTIVE  
ORDER 11652 ALLOWS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS  
AND FOR THEIR EXEMPTION FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING  
PROVIDED THEY WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO USG WITH THE  
EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD BE HELD IN  
CONFIDENCE (THAT IS FOR INTERNAL USG USE).

2. TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO CLASSIFY THE REPORT AS WELL  
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AS TO REMOVE ANY LINGERING QUESTION REGARDING THE  
DESIRE OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT (GOY), REQUEST EMB  
CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOY AUTHORITIES TO CONFIRM THAT IT  
IS THEIR EXPRESS DESIRE THAT THE '76 MID-AIR ACCIDENT  
REPORT NOT BE RELEASED FOR US PUBLIC REVIEW. IT WILL  
ALSO BE IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE THE NAME(S) AND TITLE(S)  
OF THE GOY AUTHORITIES WHO PROVIDED THIS CONFIRMATION.

REQUEST EMB UNDERTAKE THIS EFFORT ASAP.

IF EMBASSY HAS PROBLEM WITH THIS APPROACH ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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